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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: WEEKLY ACTIVITIES -TENTH WEEK
ROUND VI - TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 224

1. SUMMARY. TENTH WEEK OF ROUND VI CONSISTED OF 4 PLENARY AND 3 RESTRICTED MEETINGS. DIFFERENCES IN TREATY AND PROTOCOL WERE DISCUSSED AND AGREEMENT REACHED ON ALL BUT TWO ISSUES. THE TWO REMAINING ISSUES ARE RIGHT OF OBSERVER PRESENCE VERSUS INVITATION FOR YIELD RANGE 100 TO 150 KT AND SOVIET PROVISION FOR EXCEPTIONS TO YIELD LIMIT OF 150 KT. TEXT REVIEWED BY BOTH SIDES AND AGREEMENT REACHED ON ALL LANGUAGE EXCEPT FOR TWO ISSUES ABOVE. END SUMMARY.

2. AT PLENARY, MARCH 29, NUMBER OF OBSERVERS, EXPENSES, DURATION OF OBSERVER PRESENCE, LOCAL SEISMIC NETWORK (LSN), AND AGREED PARA 5 ARTICLE IV WERE DISCUSSED. AGREEMENT REACHED OBSERVER PRESENCE PRE-EXPLOSION.

3. AT RESTRICTED MEETING, MARCH 29, AGREEMENT REACHED ON 5YEAR DURATION OF TREATY. ALL OTHER OUTSTANDING TREATY ISSUES DISCUSSED. PROTOCOL ISSUES DISCUSSED, BUT NO AGREEMENT REACHED.

4. AT PLENARY, MARCH 30, EMERGENCIES PROCEDURES, PHOTO-GRAPHY, LOCAL SEISMIC NET, NUMBER OF OBSERVERS AND LEGAL

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ISSUES DISCUSSED. NO AGREEMENT REACHED ON ISSUES.

5. AT PLENARY, APRIL 1, SOVIETS LISTED FIVE ALTERNATIVE RESPONSES TO US AGGREGATE YIELD OF 1.5 MT PROPOSAL. AGREEMENT REACHED ON EXPENSES TEXT, PARA 9 ARTICLE V. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION, MOROKHOV TOLD STOESSEL SOVIETS WOULD ACCEPT 500 KT AS LIMIT ABOVE WHICH NUMBER OF EXPLOSIONS WITH LESS THAN 50 KT LIMITED. SOVIETS PRESENTED NEW PROPOSAL ON LOCATION OF LSN.

6. AT PLENARY, APRIL 2, AGREEMENT REACHED ON AGGREGATE YIELD (1.5 MT) AND ALL LSN PARAMETERS EXCEPT OPERATION TIME POST-EXPLOSION.

7. US READ INTO RECORD STATEMENTS ON GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION (MOSCOW 5063), RADIO FREQUENCIES (MOSCOW 5087), TTBT MODIFICATION AND PNE REVIEW (MOSCOW 5089) AND OBSERVER ROTATION (MOSCOW 5088). SOVIETS AGREED WITH GENERAL VIEWS EXPRESSED.

8. AT RESTRICTED MEETING, APRIL 3, AGREEMENT REACHED ON TIME OF OPERATION OF LSN POST-EXPLOSION, PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTICLE, NUMBERS OF OBSERVERS AND FOR OBSERVER PRESENCE POST-EXPLOSION FOR AGGREGATE YIELDS GREATER THAN 500 KT.
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